STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1023

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 44 S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 44 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A LIPOA POINT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to establish the Lipoa Point Management Council to explore options to protect and preserve the area's condition, provide support for the community, preserve cultural and recreational access, and protect the pristine marine environment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Act 241, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, required the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, to engage to acquire the parcel of land located at Lipoa Point on Maui. On June 20, 2014, the Governor released \$19,500,000 for the purchase of Lipoa Point and its surrounding 280 acres of undeveloped land.

Lipoa Point consists of two hundred forty-four acres of natural pristine land, forest, coastline, and open space once used to grow pineapple. Lipoa Point includes an access trail to

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the Honolua-Mokuleia Bay marine life conservation district, which is heavily used by snorkelers, a heavily used unimproved access road that leads to scenic views of the coastline, and trail access used by many surfers. Lipoa Point's primary public value is as an open space with key access points to the shoreline with associated cultural values, wildlife preservation, and access to the ocean for recreational opportunities.

Your Committee finds that there is an immediate need for a master plan to provide the basis of management direction that balances the obligation to protect the quality of the waters, determine stakeholders' interests, and clearly define the ancillary long-term policies, goals, and costs associated with public use. Your Committee further finds that there are community resources available to assist a community-based management plan to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources and thereby minimize resources dedicated to this project.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting a reference to the Lipoa Point Management Council members having to establish rules for internal administration:
- (2) Adding the Save Honolua Coalition to the list of recipients of certified copies of this measure; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 44, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 44, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water and Land,

LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	/R)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)						
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)						
IHARA, Jr., Les						
RIVIERE, Gil						
RUDERMAN, Russell E.						
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